

# Labor Market REVIEW

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*Preliminary Labor Force Estimates*

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis

## LABOR MARKET REVIEW

This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for Economic Growth Region (EGR) 5. EGR 5 consists of Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Morgan, and Shelby counties.



## ***SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT RATES***

*(March, not seasonally adjusted)*

Illinois	4.5%
Kentucky	5.8%
Michigan	7.2%
Ohio	5.5%

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate March 2007	Rate March 2006
U. S.	152,236,000	145,323,000	6,913,000	4.5%	4.8%
Indiana	3,260,550	3,097,355	163,195	5.0%	5.3%
EGR 5	936,912	895,154	41,758	4.5%	4.7%
Indpls-Carmel MSA	900,810	861,881	38,929	4.3%	4.6%
Boone	28,000	26,904	1,096	3.9%	4.3%
Hamilton	134,563	130,237	4,326	3.2%	3.4%
Hancock	35,496	34,017	1,479	4.2%	4.5%
Hendricks	71,333	68,779	2,554	3.6%	3.8%
Johnson	71,998	69,171	2,827	3.9%	4.1%
Madison	62,533	58,224	4,309	6.9%	6.6%
Marion	470,248	448,096	22,152	4.7%	5.0%
Morgan	38,341	36,505	1,836	4.8%	5.2%
Shelby	24,400	23,221	1,179	4.8%	5.1%
Anderson City	27,047	24,959	2,088	7.7%	7.1%
Carmel City	31,491	30,698	793	2.5%	2.9%
Fishers Town	35,092	34,230	862	2.5%	2.8%
Greenwood City	24,449	23,441	1,008	4.1%	4.3%
Indpls City (cons.)	431,528	411,263	20,265	4.7%	5.1%
Lawrence Town	23,301	22,346	955	4.1%	4.4%
Noblesville City	21,695	20,834	861	4.0%	4.4%

## **REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

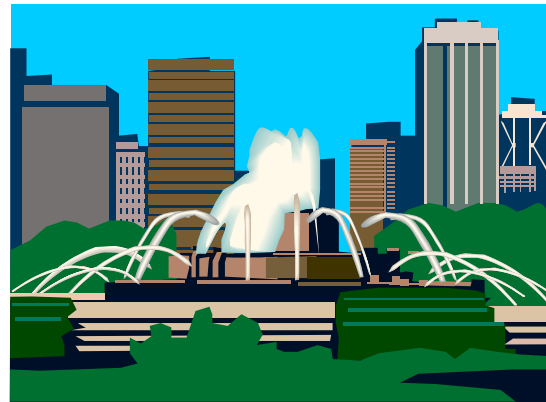
Regional and state unemployment rates were generally unchanged or lower in March. Overall, 30 states recorded over the month unemployment rate decreases, 12 states registered increases, and 8 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 36 states, up in 9 states, and unchanged in 5 states. The Northeast and South registered the lowest unemployment rates among the four regions, 4.1 percent each. The Midwest again reported the highest rate, 4.7 percent. All four regions posted significantly lower unemployment rates in March 2007, 2.0 percent. The states with the next lowest rates were Utah at 2.4 percent, Hawaii at 2.5 percent, and Nebraska and Wyoming at 2.6 percent each. Mississippi and Michigan again reported the highest unemployment rates, 6.9 and 6.5 percent, respectively.

**INDIANAPOLIS-CARMEL MSA**-Includes Boone, Brown, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan, Putnam & Shelby counties.

## PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT



North American Industry Classification System



	CHANGE FROM						
				FEB. 2007		MAR. 2006	
	MARCH 2007	FEB 2007	MARCH 2006	To MAR.	To 2007	To MAR.	To 2007
Total Nonfarm	898,500	890,200	890,200	8,300	0.90%	8,300	0.90%
Total Private	780,000	772,100	771,000	7,900	1.00%	9,000	1.20%
Goods Producing	149,300	146,400	150,500	2,900	2.00%	-1,200	-0.80%
Service-Providing	749,200	743,800	739,700	5,400	0.70%	9,500	1.30%
Private Svc Provide	630,700	625,700	620,500	5,000	0.80%	10,200	1.60%
Natural Res & Mining	700	700	800	0	0.00%	-100	12.50%
Construction	49,500	46,500	49,400	3,000	6.50%	100	0.20%
Manufacturing	99,100	99,200	100,300	-100	-0.10%	-1,200	-1.20%
Durable Goods	62,100	62,100	62,600	0	0.00%	-500	-0.80%
Transportation Equipment Mfg	17,700	17,600	18,200	100	0.60%	-500	-2.70%
Motor Vehicle Parts Mfg	10,400	10,400	11,200	0	0.00%	-800	-7.10%
Non-Durable Goods	37,000	37,100	37,700	-100	-0.30%	-700	-1.90%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	195,400	194,200	193,000	1,200	0.60%	2,400	1.20%
Wholesale Trade	47,500	47,500	47,000	0	0.00%	500	1.10%
Retail Trade	96,600	95,800	95,800	800	0.80%	800	0.80%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	51,300	50,900	50,200	400	0.80%	1,100	2.20%
Information	16,100	16,100	16,000	0	0.00%	100	0.60%
Financial Activities	62,800	62,700	62,600	100	0.20%	200	0.30%
Finance and Insurance	46,700	46,800	46,700	-100	-0.20%	0	0.00%
Professional and Business	120,100	119,200	119,500	900	0.80%	600	0.50%
Educational and Health	112,400	112,200	108,600	200	0.20%	3,800	3.50%
Accommodation and Food	76,500	75,200	75,000	1,300	1.70%	1,500	2.00%
Other Services	35,400	35,200	35,000	200	0.60%	400	1.10%
Government	118,500	118,100	119,200	400	0.30%	-700	-0.60%
Federal Government	13,800	13,800	14,000	0	0.00%	-200	-1.40%
State Government	29,300	29,300	29,400	0	0.00%	-100	-0.30%
Local Government	75,400	75,000	75,800	400	0.50%	-400	-0.50%
Local Govt Education	42,200	41,900	41,300	300	0.70%	900	2.20%

## Wage Demand Information-Economic Growth Region 5

As of 5/6/07

Total Applicants	Avg. Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand
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24,232	\$31,608	\$22,880
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**Wage Demand** provides average and median wages required by job applicants. It also provides the number of applicants in the Indiana Workforce Development's [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#).

### Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics

**On the Map** is a web-based, interactive mapping application. The objective is to show where people work and where workers live on maps with companion reports on their age, earnings, and industry distributions. The user can select a geographic area and answer questions such as:

- Where do workers live that are employed in the area?
- What are the workplace destinations for workers living in the selected community or neighborhood?
- How do the employment areas compare in terms of worker origin-destination patterns, workers' ages, monthly earnings, and industry?

On the Map will be available for Indiana geographic areas beginning in August, 2007. For more information, please refer to: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/datatools/onthemap.html>

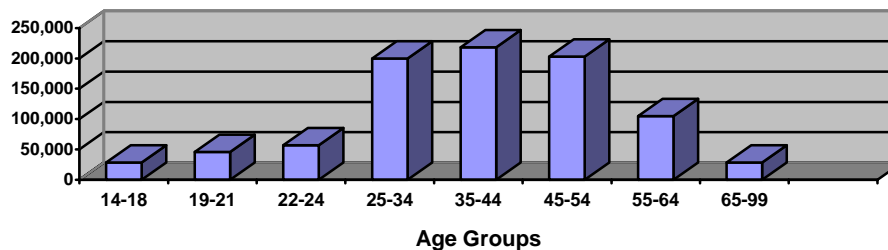
## APPLICANT POOL

Indiana Workforce Development's [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. Each week *Applicant Pool* provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by job applicants registered with CS3. An applicant may select multiple job titles. The following ranking is as of 5/20/07.

### Economic Growth Region 5

Assemblers (Factory Work)	4,616
Production Laborers	3,638
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,863
All Other Machine Operators	2,240
General Office Clerks	2,223
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,014
Administrative Assistants	1,917
Cashiers, General	1,913
Stock Clerks : Stockroom/Warehouse	1,827
Customer Service Reps -Utilities	1,757
All Other Hand Workers	1,585
Data Entry Keyers, Except Composing	1,581
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,545
File Clerks	1,540
Production Helpers	1,425
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,418
All Other Managers And Administrators	1,369
Order Fillers - Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,227
Secretaries - Other	1,152
Postal Service Clerks	1,052

Economic Growth Region 5 Total Employment by Age Groups, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2006



14-18	19-21	22-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-99
28,332	46,114	56,954	199,655	218,139	202,947	105,025	28,588

**Source:** U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), Industry Focus, 1st quarter 2006.



With gasoline prices setting new records every day, the only state in the country where the average prices for gas is still under \$3 a gallon is New Jersey. Oddly, it's one of only two states that require all its service stations to pump the gas for you (Steve Hargreaves, CNNMoney, [http://money.cnn.com/2007/05/22/news/economy/full\\_service/index.htm?postversion](http://money.cnn.com/2007/05/22/news/economy/full_service/index.htm?postversion)). "It shows you how little cost has to do with the price of gas," said Doug MacIntyre, senior oil and gasoline analyst at the Energy Information Administration. "This is local supply and demand conditions. "While refinery outages continue to plague the Midwest - Chicago now has higher gasoline prices than notoriously pricey San Francisco. New Jersey is benefiting from its four in-state refineries, all of which appear to be running just fine.

Accidents happen, and scientists want to know how we fall, according to an article in The Washington Post "Express" (May 21, page 29). "Last month's death of novelist Kurt Vonnegut, who had fallen in his home, underlines the dangers of taking a spill," it says. In fact, about a third of Americans 65 and older fall each year, the federal government says. In 2003, for example, some 1.8 million people over 65 were treated in emergency rooms after falling, and about 13,700 died. But falling is not just a problem of the elderly. In the workplace, about a quarter-million workers each year suffer injuries from falls that are bad enough to make them take time off, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Congress passed a measure May 24th to increase the federal minimum wage for the first time in a decade (USA Today, page 7A). The increase is part of the \$120 billion war funding bill that President Bush has said he will sign. The \$5.15 an hour wage would rise to \$7.25 an hour in 70 cent increments. It would go to \$5.85 2 months after Bush signs the bill, then to \$6.55 1 year later, and to \$7.25 the next year. Republicans insisted on \$4.84 billion in tax relief for small businesses to hire new workers and offset costs associated with an increase in the minimum wage. Peter Kilgore, of the National Restaurant Association, said the increase will cost jobs. After the last increase in 1997, the industry lost more than 146,000 jobs, and restaurant owners put off plans to hire an additional 106,000 employees, the trade association said. More than 2 dozen states and the District of Columbia already have minimum hourly wages higher than the federal level.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

### (CPI-U)

Unadjusted percent change to **MARCH 2007** from: **February 2007**

	<u>March</u> <u>06</u>	<u>February 07</u>
<b>U.S. City Average</b>		
<b>All Items</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>.9%</b>
<b>Food &amp; Beverages</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>.2%</b>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>.4%</b>
<b>Apparel</b>	<b>.5%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
<b>Medical Care</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>.2%</b>
<b>Recreation</b>	<b>.6%</b>	<b>.1%</b>
<b>Education &amp; Communication</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>.2%</b>
<b>Other Goods &amp; Services</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>.2%</b>
<b>Midwest Region (All Items)*</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

\*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

## TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Workforce Transition Unit

Local Office	Initial Claims	Year Ago	
	Current Month	March	1 year
	March 2007	2006	change
Anderson	802	670	19.7%
Indpls. Eastside	2405	2133	26.9%
Indpls. Westside	1945	2024	9.9%
	Total Claims	Year Ago	
	Current Month	March	1 year
	March 2007	2006	change
Anderson	9891	7984	23.9%
Indpls. Eastside	28,953	24,880	16.4%
Indpls. Westside	18,747	22,899	-18.1%

### Frequently Listed Jobs

4/12/07

### EGR 5 1st QUARTER 2007

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MEDIAN</u>
Production Laborers	274	\$20,800
Waiters & Waitresses	232	\$15,080
Stock Clerks : Stockroom/Warehouse	215	\$20,800
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	204	\$21,632
Production Helpers	173	\$22,360
Customer Service Reps -Utilities	129	\$20,800
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	112	\$20,800
Assemblers (Factory Work)	110	\$20,800
Cooks : Institution/Cafeteria	105	\$20,800
Helpers : Other Construction Trades	105	\$21,934
First Line Supervisors, Customer Service	90	\$19,380
Salespersons : Retail	79	\$13,260
Janitors & Cleaners	64	\$15,600
Claims Examiners - Insurance	62	\$33,300
Other Sales & Related Workers	62	\$19,760
Cooks : Restaurant	57	\$18,720
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	55	\$23,504
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	53	\$16,640
Metal Mold/Cast Mach Operators	51	\$23,504
Glass Cutters And Finishers	50	\$20,800

## Anderson MSA- Madison County

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				Feb-07 to		Mar-06 to	
	Mar-07	Feb-07	Mar-07	Mar-07		07-Mar	
Nonfarm	41,900	41,500	43,500	400.01	1.0%	-1,600	-3.7%
Total Private	34,800	34,400	36,400	400	1.2%	-1,600	-4.4%
Goods Producing	6,400	6,300	7,700	100	1.6%	-1,300	-16.9%
Service-Providing	35,500	35,200	35,800	300	0.9%	-300	-0.8%
Private Srvc Provide	28,400	28,100	28,700	300	1.1%	-300	-1.0%
Mining & Construction	1,600	1,500	1,600	100	6.7%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	6,100	0	0.0%	-1,300	-21.3%
Durable Goods	3,200	3,200	4,800	0	0.0%	-1,600	-33.3%
Motor Vehicle Parts Mfg	1,600	1,600	3,000	0	0.0%	-1,400	-46.7%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	8,900	8,800	8,700	100	1.1%	200	2.3%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,500	5,400	5,500	100	1.9%	0	0.0%
Trans, Warehouse, Utilities	2,000	2,000	1,800	0	0.0%	200	11.1%
Information	600	600	600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,800	1,700	1,900	100	5.9%	-100	-5.3%
Professional and Business	2,800	2,700	2,800	100	3.7%	0	0.0%
Educational and Health	8,000	8,000	8,100	0	0.0%	-100	-1.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,600	4,600	4,900	0	0.0%	-300	-6.1%
Other Services	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	7,100	7,100	7,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Federal Government	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	0.0%	100	6.7%
Local Government	5,200	5,200	5,300	0	0.0%	-100	-1.9%
Local Govt Education	2,700	2,700	2,900	0	0.0%	-200	-6.9%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics.



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